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Re: Draft NPDES Permit for the City and County of Honolulu, Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant (NPDES Permit No. HI0020877)

Dear Mr. Lum:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft permit (NPDES Permit No. HI0020877) for the discharge from the Honouliuli WWTP to Mamala Bay, which was public-noticed on November 13, 2013. We strongly support the draft permit. The draft permit appropriately includes secondary treatment requirements, which will establish discharge control expectations of the permittee that are consistent with national requirements for other POTW wastewater dischargers. Additionally, the draft permit includes updated requirements for toxicity, bacteria, and nutrients that are consistent with NPDES permitting regulations and will provide water quality protection for Mamala Bay.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the draft permit. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss our comments, please feel free to contact me at (415) 972-3044.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sablad, Acting Manager
NPDES Permits Office (WTR-5)